

**STATE BAR OF MICHIGAN**  
**DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COMMITTEE**  
**Tuesday, May 15, 2012 – 2 to 4 PM (Teleconference)**

**MINUTES**

I. Call to Order and Attendance – Quorum has been reached.

Members Present: Ashley Lowe (Co-chair), Sarah Prout (Co-chair), Danielle Carter, Nancy Gallagher, Leslie Hagen, Jeannine Laible, Jennifer Lamp, Mary Lovik, Bruce Petrick, Lori Pourzan, Rebecca Shiemke.

Members Absent: Michael Brown, Robert Coleman, Delores Hall, Hon. Amy Ronayne Krause, Sarah Mason, Eilisia Schwarz (RA).

SBM Staff Present: Robert Mathis, Janeice Morrow

II. Approval of April 24, 2012 Minutes

The minutes were unanimously approved as written.

III. Looking Forward – Next Steps – R. Mathis

The list of recommended Committee members for 2012-13 will be submitted to the President-Elect, Bruce Courtade, for his approval at the end of May.

S. Prout will resign as co-chair of the Committee for next year. A. Lowe expressed an interest in continuing as co-chair and the Committee unanimously approved. L. Pourzan was nominated to serve as co-chair with A. Lowe. L. Pourzan accepted the nomination and the Committee unanimously approved, to be effective in September 2012, upon approval by the President-Elect.

R. Mathis recommended to the Committee that the June meeting be a “Vision” meeting since they would be meeting face to face, to discuss ideas for the Committee’s direction for 2012-13.

IV. Subcommittees: Meeting Updates and Reports

Training and System Education:

Members: Lori Pourzan (chair); Sarah Prout, Jennifer Lamp, Danielle Carter, Staff  
~May 7, 2012

All arrangements are in place for Juan Carlos Areán’s presentation at the Judicial Conference on September 6. R. Mathis has been notified that the Hyatt Regency Hotel, where the conference is to be held, has been sold. Hyatt Regency will be pulling their affiliation as the new owners do not want to commit to maintaining the hotel in

accordance with the Hyatt's standards. SCAO will contact R. Mathis if this will impact the event location. L. Pourzan agreed to be responsible for shuttling Mr. Areán between the airport and the conference location. Any members interested in a short meeting with Juan Carlos after his presentation should contact R. Mathis. Dawn McCarty (SCAO) has indicated that recording the session might be a possibility, although some judges may object – this will have to be looked into.

The October 26 Family Law Pro Bono Training is on track – edited materials due to R. Mathis by July 15. R. Shiemke and A. Lowe are available to assist for this session if needed. The Subcommittee may reach out to other DV members if their particular expertise is needed. R. Mathis will look into providing refreshments for the break. The event will commence at 1:00 p.m. and run until 5:00 p.m, Auburn Hills Campus of Cooley Law School. R. Mathis will send out a "Save the Date."

A possible mentoring program was discussed which would entail partnering with the local legal services providers (LSPs) in each of the training locations. The LSPs would make a connection with the pro bono attorneys the day of the training in order to encourage the attorneys to take pro bono cases. The LSPs would also offer assistance and guidance on the pro bono cases the attorneys ultimately accept for representation. This will hopefully build a relationship between the pro bono attorney and the LSP that will foster a long-term pro bono relationship.

SCAO Family Mediation Best Practices Project:

Members: Mary Lovik (chair); Bruce Petrick, Danielle Carter, Rebecca Shiemke, Judge Amy Ronayne Krause, Staff  
~April 30, 2012

An article on "Conciliation" will be submitted to the Family Law Journal for the November 2012 issue. Due to the lack of jurisdiction for the DV Committee to suggest policy changes, R. Shiemke was asked, as a member of the Family Law Section, to see if she could stimulate some interest for them discuss specific public policy concerns of the DV Committee. R. Shiemke will be meeting soon with the Family Law's Domestic Violence Subcommittee to discuss and will report back to the Committee at a future date.

The relevance and continuation of the current subcommittees will be discussed at the June Domestic Violence Committee meeting.

Personal Protection Orders:

Members: Ashley Lowe (chair); Jennifer Lamp; Rebecca Shiemke, Sarah Prout, Katherine Strickfaden (guest member), Staff  
~May 8, 2012

A. Lowe noted that the current direction of the PPO Subcommittee has taken them out of their jurisdiction and, therefore, continuing doesn't make a lot of sense.

Legislative Subcommittee:

Members: Rebecca Shiemke (chair); Danielle Carter; Mary Lovik, Dana Warnez, Staff  
~No meeting

The continuation of this subcommittee will be discussed at the June Domestic Violence Meeting.

V. *Family Law Journal* Articles

1. August/September 2012 Issue – *Domestic Violence in Lesbian, Gay, and Transgender Relationships*, written by S. Prout, due to editors L. Pourzan and R. Shiemke by June 22, 2012. Due to Journal Editor by July 8, 2012.

The article that was originally scheduled was to be submitted for the August/September 2012 Issue was submitted for the June/July 2012 Issue, *Domestic Violence in Lesbian, Gay, and Transgender Relationships*. Additional editing was required on *Batterers Intervention*, and thus was moved to be submitted for the August/September 2012 Issue.

2. October 2012 Issue – *Solutions on Self-Help*, written by Angela Tripp, R. Shiemke, due to editors R. Mathis and S. Prout by August 24, 2012. Due to the Journal Editor by September 8, 2012.
3. November 2012 Issue – *Conciliation*, written by M. Lovik, B. Petrick, and N. Gallagher, due to editors A. Lowe and L. Pourzan, by September 24, 2012. Due to Journal Editor by October 8, 2012.

The Committee will continue to work on topics and securing authors for the December 2012 and January 2013 Issues.

D. Carter is interested in writing an article on “Financial Implications of Divorce and Domestic Violence”, including the mortgage aspect, for a spring edition, to be determined at a later date.

It was suggested that the DV Committee consider forming a subcommittee for the purpose of handling the articles for the Family Law Journal.

VI. Next Meeting

Janeice Morrow will circulate a meeting wizard for June 12<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> for morning and afternoon times to get a consensus of availability from the members. *Since the meeting, it has been determined that the next meeting of the DV committee will be “In Person” on Tuesday, June 12, 2012, at the State Bar of Michigan, 2 – 4 PM.*

There was discussion that June would be the last meeting of the DV Committee until the Fall of 2012, when the new members are in place – there was no objection by the members.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m.